Reply to Office Action of December 11, 2006

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend page 31, lines 8-9 as follows:

Either sequentially or simultaneously, oxidizing gases are introduced into soot filter 815 through inlet port 825 845 to burn out the soot and regenerate the filter.

Please amend page 32, lines 16-17 as follows:

The fullerene rich gas stream can be used as suspended particles directly in a subsequent in-line process 900 920.

Please amend page 41, lines 10-11 as follows:

Table 1 reports the yield of total fullerenes (in g/hour) collected from a location just prior to the soot filter (labeled sampling location 270 275 in Figure 2).

Please amend page 41, lines 16-18 as follows:

The fullerene yield at sample location 270 275 (representative of the yield from a conventional combustion process method) was compared to the fullerene yield of the collected condensed fullerenes at the fullerene filter.